

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 2007 INDUCTEES TO THE UPS CIRCLE OF HONOR

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George David, Jr. of Western Springs, Charles Cech of Burbank, Carl Sandrik of Oak Lawn, and William Stevens of Chicago for their induction into the United Parcel Service Circle of Honor.

In 1955, UPS created the elite Circle of Honor award to commend its safest employees. Circle of Honor drivers, who now number more than 4500, are recognized only after completing 25 years without accidents. On October 2, 2007, UPS inducted 785 new drivers into the Circle of Honor. These extraordinary employees were honored with a ceremony as well as an advertisement in USA Today.

I am proud to report that among this year's inductees were four residents of my district. These four individuals are exemplars of responsible and conscientious driving habits, and as such contribute greatly to the safety of our Nation's roads and highways and all those who use them.

I rise today to join UPS in congratulating Mr. David, Mr. Cech, Mr. Sandrik, and Mr. Stevens for their wonderful 25-year achievement. I applaud their successful efforts to make safety a top priority while they perform their jobs and wish them a safe journey on the miles ahead.

TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS OF BUFORD INTERMEDIATE CENTER IN MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor, not only our courageous men and women in uniform, but the students at Buford Intermediate Center in Mt. Vernon, IL, for their contributions to our service men and women.

The pupils at Buford personally welcomed home Zach Wood, Brian Gibson, and Tony Mays, all National Guard soldiers, from a 15-month deployment in Iraq. Along with welcoming home soldiers, the students are raising money for gift cards for soldiers who will be serving during the holidays. In addition, the students send care packages and letters to the soldiers to become acquainted with them.

After their welcome home, the soldiers took time to answer questions from the students ranging from fast food opportunities to the deaths of fellow soldiers to help students and faculty better empathize with the soldiers and their struggles.

Now, more than ever, our service men and women need the encouragement dem-

onstrated by the students at Buford Intermediate School to show they are in our thoughts and prayers. We must demonstrate our support and admiration for their work and I thank these students for the example they have set for us.

I applaud the students at Buford Intermediate School for their service to our men and women serving in Iraq. May God bless them for their efforts and may He continue to bless America.

IN HONOR OF BORBA FARMS AS THE 2007 AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Borba Farms of Riverdale, California for receiving the 2007 Agricultural Business of the Year Award from the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce.

Borba Farms began in 1919 when A.J. Borba emigrated from the Azores Islands off Portugal and started a dairy farm in Riverdale with 40 cows and 120 acres of land. Eventually, A.J.'s sons, Ross, Sr. and Daril diversified their farming operation by expanding into cotton, tomatoes, and other row crops. The sons of Ross Borba, Sr. and his wife Justina, Mark and Ross Borba, Jr., now farm about 8,600 acres of crops that include lettuce, cotton, tomatoes, garlic, onions, alfalfa, sugar beets, wheat and almonds. The success of the Borba family's farming operation is evident in the quality of these crops, which often garner high praise from chefs, and appear in Farmer's markets around the State.

Also, the Borbas have been active in addressing water, marketing and political issues important to the industry, serving as leaders in the National Cotton Council, Westlands Water District, the California Leadership Program and other organizations. This involvement further emphasizes the Borba's commitment to their trade and their strong ties to California's San Joaquin Valley.

Borba Farms is a model institution and a shining example for other industry professionals. It is with great pride that I congratulate Borba Farms on receiving this distinguished award, and I wish them success in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF GENE AND CHARLOTTE GRAY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gene and Charlotte Gray on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Married in 1957 at Sacred Heart Church, the Grays are long-time Chicago residents and the proud parents of four children. Gene worked as a machinist before starting his own corporation, G7G, Inc. and owning the Family Pride Laundromat in Summit, Illinois. After their children were grown, Charlotte returned to work and eventually retired from the Tootsie Roll industry.

Gene and Charlotte have been active members of their community, where together they have served as coaches in the Clear Ridge Baseball Association as well as treasurers of the Southwest Senior Citizens Program. I will always think of Gene as "coach" because he was my coach when I played baseball in Clear Ridge Little League. As a program manager for the Community Economic Development Association, Gene has been instrumental in assisting low-income senior citizens throughout the district to receive gas and electric services. Gene has also ably served the community of Chicago as a volunteer in my district office for a number of years.

It is my honor to recognize Gene and Charlotte Gray and provide my heartfelt congratulations to them on this wonderful event in their lives. Together they exemplify the ideals of strong family and community involvement. I would like to extend my best wishes to the Grays as they and their family celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the St. Joseph's Church in Olney, Illinois as they celebrate their 150 year anniversary.

The St. Joseph's Church in Olney, was established in 1857 by Father Laughren and celebrated its 150 year anniversary on October 7, 2007. It was Bishop Junken, who was appointed as the first Bishop of the Alton Diocese by His Holiness Pope Pius IX in 1857, who selected Father Laughren as the founding Pastor of St. Joseph's Church. The first church was built in 1861 on property that was donated by Thomas Lily at the corner of Fair and Butler Streets. The church was then moved on rollers to its present location to Eliot and Chestnut Streets.

A prominent family of the time, that of Dr. George Weber, was very influential in establishing St. Joseph's school do to the fact he wanted to provide his own children with a Catholic education close to home. When the school was completed in 1907, Weber strove to bring the Ursuline Sisters of Paola, Kansas, who taught from 1907-1914, to the school. It grew to 70 students by the fall of 1908.

Construction of the present day church began in 1937 and was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day in 1938. The exterior of the church

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